

## **FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR**

(Competitive Class)

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in the classified firefighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training in and perform firefighting and fire suppression tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving, operating, and maintaining fire department vehicles. Firefighter/Operators perform fire prevention tasks which include fire inspections and public fire education. Employees of this class report to and are supervised at the emergency scene by the Incident Commander. Firefighter/Operators receive work assignments for day-to-day operations from, and report directly to a Fire Captain. This class ranks immediately below that of Fire Captain.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Participates in assigned training drills, either as an individual or as a member of a group. Attends special schools or courses assigned. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work.

Trains for and performs firefighting and rescue tasks such as size-up; connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines; ventilating buildings; gaining forcible entry; using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires; handling special situations such as hazmat emergencies; or removing fire and accident victims to safety.

Drives fire apparatus to and from fire or emergency scene. Positions apparatus and connects to supply source. Operates pumper to supply adequate pressure to the nozzle. Calculates required water flow, intake and discharge pressures; and determines the number of required hose lines necessary for fire suppression.

Administers first aid and emergency medical services to victims of fire and accident, either on the scene of an emergency or en route to the hospital.

Performs tasks necessary to protect property using covers, tarps, or other materials. Locates and extinguishes hidden fires and hot spots. Shores up or tears down weak and dangerous

structural components. Removes debris and charred waste.

Participates in fire investigation and fire cause determination. Informs officer in charge of suspected arson. Protects the premises where arson is suspected.

Participates in public fire prevention education programs. Conducts fire drills in schools and businesses. Participates in pre-fire planning, including gathering and studying information regarding types of occupancy and structure, building layout, hydrant location, and hazardous materials storage.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned fire fighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles. Performs periodic tests on apparatus and equipment as required. Inspects fire hydrants, conducts flow tests, and periodically flushes hydrants to remove rust and sediment.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, and notifying superior officer of needed repairs.

Performs public relations duties by providing information to the public concerning the work of the fire department. Conducts fire station tours.

Completes forms and records as required.

Performs related duties as assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and of legal age.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must present documentation indicating, at a minimum, that the applicant has met the minimum high school graduation requirements necessary to receive a high school diploma as established by the state of Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Such documentation shall include at least

one of the following: high school diploma, high school transcript, certificate of equivalency, affidavit from the issuing high school, college diploma, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for certification of graduation.

Must possess a valid driver's license.